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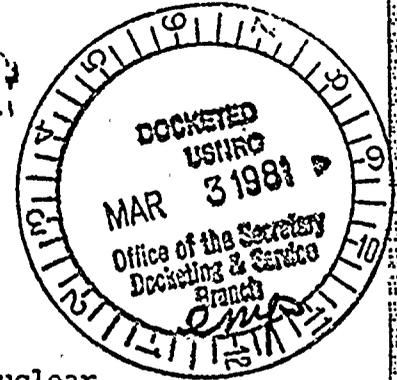
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have been--and remain--an enthusiastic supporter of nuclear power, from light water reactors, to breeder systems, to fusion technology. Of course, public safety must be assured, but--nevertheless--I have been greatly dismayed by the seemingly glacial pace of contemporary licensing procedures. Accordingly, I have several questions and I would deeply appreciate the Commission's position on them. While each could generate a lengthy answer, a brief conclusion would suffice.

(1) What remains to be done to issue an operating license for the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant?

(2) What is the schedule of activities leading to a license?

(3) What organization or person has responsibility to accomplish each required activity by the scheduled date? What controls are in place to control schedule performance?

(4) Explain any differences in the requirements for Diablo Canyon from those for the three plants designated "Near Term Operating License" plants a year ago.

If my office can be of service, please don't hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

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